

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing a customer-oriented integrated product and service package for a surgical procedure, comprising:

providing predetermined specifications and conditions of a patient from a medical provider to a service provider;

providing the predetermined specifications and conditions of the patient to a tissue bank;

subsequently customizing, at a the tissue bank, an allograft to be used in a predetermined surgical procedure, the allograft being customized to the predetermined specifications and conditions of the patient and of the predetermined surgical procedure to be performed on the patient; and

coordinating, by the service provider, delivery of the customized allograft from the tissue bank to the medical provider, and loaning, by the service provider, graft specific surgical instrumentation to match specifications of the allograft and the procedure.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

coordinating delivery of the allograft to a medical facility at which the surgical procedure is to be performed with delivery of the surgical instrumentation.

3. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein the allograft is harvested at the tissue bank and delivered directly to the medical facility.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

training operating personnel in the use of the instruments and skills to perform the surgical procedure.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

providing technical support during the procedure.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein the step of providing technical support includes providing for the presence of a trained representative knowledgeable in the use of the instruments and the performance of the surgical procedure at an operation location during the procedure.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

arranging for the return of the surgical instrumentation after performance of the procedure.

8. (Currently amended) A method of providing a customer-oriented integrated product and service package for a surgical procedure, comprising:

providing the predetermined specifications and conditions of a patient from a medical provider to a service provider;

providing the predetermined specifications and conditions of the patient to a tissue bank;

arranging, by the service provider, for delivery of a customized allograft for a predetermined surgical procedure, the customized allograft being sized, by a the tissue bank, according to the specifications and conditions of the patient and of the predetermined surgical procedure;

customizing, by the service provider, a surgical instrumentation kit specifically designed for use with the customized allograft and for performing the predetermined surgical procedure; and

loaning, by the service provider, the customized surgical instrumentation kit to the medical provider for the performance of the surgical procedure.

9. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein the allograft is harvested at the tissue bank and delivered directly to a medical facility at which the surgical procedure is to be performed.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

prior to the time the surgical procedure is to be performed, providing training to operating personnel in the use of the instruments and skills to perform the surgical procedure.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

providing technical support to operating personnel before and/or during the performance of the procedure.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of providing technical support includes providing for the presence of a trained representative knowledgeable in the use of the instruments in the instrumentation kit and in the performance of the surgical procedure at an operation location during the procedure.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

arranging for the return of the customized surgical instrumentation kit after performance of the surgical procedure.

14. (Currently amended) A method of providing a customer-oriented integrated product and service package for a surgical procedure, comprising:

providing predetermined specifications and conditions of a patient from a medical provider to a service provider;

providing the predetermined specifications and conditions of the patient to a tissue bank;

customizing and sizing, by a the tissue bank, an allograft according to the specifications and conditions of the patient and of a predetermined surgical procedure;

arranging, by the service provider, for delivery of the customized allograft for the predetermined surgical procedure from the tissue bank to a medical facility at which the predetermined surgical procedure is to be performed;

providing, by the service provider, technical support and/or customer support to operating personnel before and/or during performance of the predetermined surgical procedure at the medical facility; and

prior to the time the surgical procedure is to be performed, providing training to operating personnel in the use of the instruments and skills to perform the surgical procedure.

15. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the allograft is harvested at the tissue bank and delivered directly to the medical facility at which the surgical procedure is to be performed.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Original) The method according to claim 14, wherein the step of providing technical support includes providing for the presence of a trained representative knowledgeable in the use of the instruments in the instrumentation kit and in the performance of the surgical procedure at an operation location during the procedure.

18. (Currently amended) A method of providing a service, comprising:

receiving at a service provider specifications and conditions of a patient from a medical provider prior to said patient undergoing a predetermined surgical procedure;

~~arranging, by said service provider, delivery of~~ delivering an allograft to said medical provider, the delivering of the allograft being arranged by said service provider, said allograft being selected based on said specifications and conditions of said patient and also based on said predetermined surgical procedure; and

~~arranging, by said service provider, delivery of~~ delivering surgical instrumentation for performing said predetermined surgical procedure, the delivering of the surgical instrumentation being arranged by said service provider.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein said ~~first~~ act of delivering an allograft ~~arranging~~ comprises ~~arranging, by said service provider, delivery of~~ delivering a meniscus allograft to said medical provider.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein said ~~first~~ act of delivering an allograft ~~arranging~~ comprises ~~arranging, by said service provider, delivery of~~ delivering an osteochondral allograft to said medical provider.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein said ~~first~~ act of delivering an allograft ~~arranging~~ comprises customizing said allograft based on said specifications and conditions of said patient.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18 further comprising:

arranging, by said service provider, ~~the~~ provision of technical support to said medical provider for performing said predetermined surgical procedure.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein said ~~first~~ act of delivering an allograft ~~arranging~~ further comprises said service provider delivering said allograft to said medical provider.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein said ~~second~~ act of delivering surgical instrumentation ~~arranging~~ further comprises said service provider delivering said surgical instrumentation to said medical provider.